THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) to (d) Regular meetings are held between the Land Records and Surveys Authorities of the two countries to discuss and implement the outstanding issues relating to the land boundary agreement. In 1994, 7 meetings; in 1995, 10 meeting in 1996, 12 meetings; were held. During the third meeting of Indo-Bangladesh Joint Working Group held in New Delhi from January 28-31, 1997 the two sides recognised the need for early completion of land boundary demarcation work. Both sides also agreed on the need to increase the number of survey teams for early completion of the work. Other issues discussed during the Joint Working Group meeting included security related issues, cross border movement, repatriation of Chakma refugees, visa regime, trans-border crimes etc. During the discussions between the Home Secretaries of India and Bangladesh in February 1996, both sides reiterated the need to increase the number of survey teams for boundary demarcation. As per information received from Survey of India, the land boundary demarcation in West Bengal sector has been discussed and field programme finalised, and demarcation of the pending portion of land boundary by both sides is presently being undertaken. The relocation of missing pillars/and repairs of damaged pillars has been undertaken in Tripura, Assam and Meghalaya sectors. The progress of printing and finalisation of boundary strip maps in all sectors have been reviewed.

[Translation]

Mentally Retarded People

3538. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whetehr the Govenrment have received any proposal to make law for mentally-retarded people; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) The proposed "National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Mental Retardation and Cerebral Palsy Bill, 1995" envisages making arrangements for care and rehabilitaiton of the persons with mental retardation, providing aid and assistance to the organisations engaged in such care and receiving and managing the properties bequeathed for the purpose.

[English]

District Primary Education Programme

3539. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE :
SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the implementation of District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) in different States;

(b) if so, the achievement made by the States during the Eighth Plan state-wise; and

(c) the amount utilised by each State under DPEP during the Plan period, district-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) The progress of implementation of the District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) is reviewed from time to time through visits of Supervision Missions, Computerised Management Information System (MIS), Periodical reports, meetings with the State project officials, etc.

(b) DPEP is a 5-7 years project Phase-I of the programme was launched in Novermber, 1994 in 42 districts of 7 State namely Assam, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Madhya Pradesh. Under Phass-II the programme has been extended to 17 districts of 4 additional States, namely Orissa, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh in 1996-97. Major achievements in 7 DPEP-I States are given in Statement-I attached.

(c) The position is indicated in Statement-II attached.

Statement-I

(Major achievements under DPEP upto December, 1996)

Name of States	Assam	Kerala	Haryana	Karnataka	Maharashtra	Tamil Nadu	Madhya Pradesh
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
New Primary School Buildings Constructed/ in progress	-	-	12	258	327	-	2141
Construction of buildings for existing schools completed/in progress	213	-	-	-	-	-	-